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1. The Nikopol (47°32'N/34°24'E) airfield, Ukrainian S.S.R., was located at the northern edge of the town.
  2. From the flying observed the field seemed to be occupied by about 9 twin-engine planes of type DD-3, about 7 twin-engine PT-2s, about 3 twin-engine Douglas planes, 7 to 8 single-engine aircraft and about 5 biplanes.
  3. Only individual local flights, including night flights, were observed. Parachuting was usually from Douglas planes, up to five men jumping from one plane over the field. The dropping of military equipment was not seen.
  4. About 1 km east of the town were four or five barracks blocks occupied by a parachute unit.
- The soldiers wore black-bordered yellow epaulets, the under side of which was brown. On the breast and cap the soldiers wore an oval brass plate about four cm long with an engraved parachutist suspended from a parachute. The soldiers averaged 18 years of age. They were volunteers who had signed contracts for three years of service. They had served for 6 months. Many of the soldiers wore camouflage suits.

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